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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1156

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Brumsickle, Radcliff, Chopp, Mason, Cody, Hatfield, Poulsen, Veloria, Morris, Cole, Skinner, Tokuda, Costa, Elliot, Wolfe and Ogden)

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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting school districts to establish and  
2 develop educational foundations; creating new sections; and providing  
3 an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that nonprofit  
6 educational foundations created to provide financial and other support  
7 to public schools can play an important role in enhancing the quality  
8 of education in Washington state. Educational foundations are private  
9 nonprofit partnerships between school districts and local communities  
10 that do not supplant the role of the state. They are able to access  
11 private, federal, and local resources not otherwise available to public  
12 schools, to devise innovative solutions to solve problems, and to serve  
13 students in new and innovative ways. Existing efforts supported or  
14 administered by foundations include drop-out prevention programs,  
15 innovative classroom grants, and math clubs for girls.

16 The legislature further finds that while the number of public  
17 school foundations in Washington is increasing, only a small percentage  
18 of the school districts in the state are assisted by foundations. In  
19 addition, many states have one hundred to two hundred education

1 foundations enhancing educational opportunities for their students.  
2 Additional leadership and support from the state in assisting in the  
3 establishment and development of foundations would increase the number  
4 of foundations, and thereby increase the number of students who would  
5 benefit from their support.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction  
7 shall enter into a contract with one or more organizations or  
8 individuals to provide support, guidance, training, and technical  
9 assistance to individuals and organizations for the establishment and  
10 development of nonprofit educational foundations established to provide  
11 financial support and services to assist public schools.

12 (2) The superintendent shall solicit contract proposals from the  
13 following: Washington state school directors' association, Washington  
14 coalition of public schools foundations, northwest development officers  
15 association, Washington association of partners in education, and other  
16 individuals and organizations that have the appropriate experience and  
17 expertise.

18 (3) The superintendent shall contract with a third party to  
19 evaluate the effectiveness of the contractor's efforts to assist in the  
20 establishment and development of educational foundations, and shall  
21 submit the third party contractor's evaluation to the appropriate  
22 committees of the legislature by December 1, 1999.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
24 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,  
25 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall expire December 31, 1999.

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